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Terry Marasco
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Subject: Email Comments, Kennecott Utah Copper (KUC), Bingham Canyon Mine,
M/035/0002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Marasco:

Thank you for your electronic mail message dated August 22, 2012, voicing concerns about mining at the Bingham Canyon mine which is permitted by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Division) under permit number M/035/0002.

As allowed by Utah statute and associated administrative rules, Kennecott Utah Copper has a contract with the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for reclamation of the Bingham Canyon mine (M/035/0002). Environmental issues and reclamation associated with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act are found in the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations also known as the NOI. The most recent version of the NOI was originally approved in 2003 but has been amended since then. I invite you to research this document to see details of the commitments that have been made. While all of the Kennecott files are available through the Division's web site, it may be easier to use hard copies available in the Public Information Center (PIC).

A complete reclamation cost estimate has not been made for the Bingham Canyon mine nor is there a contingency fund for unforeseen circumstances. These are not required by rule or statute.

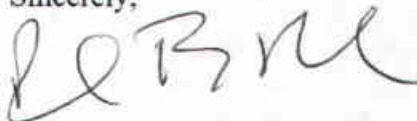
Other environmental issues are addressed in permits issued by various divisions within the Department of Environmental Quality and possibly other agencies, and financial assurance is associated with some of these. Blasting is not regulated by the Division, although other federal and state agencies do enforce their rules as they apply to each of their agencies and Kennecott.



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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. I can be reached by telephone at 801-538-5261 or by electronic mail at paulbaker@utah.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Baker', written in a cursive style.

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